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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 1 | Local Highway Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Program: Modifies or adds projects in the City of Lindsay, City of Visalia, City of Woodlake and in Tulare County.• Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program: Adds two new projects in Tulare County. |
- See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or have been found by the TCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by TCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The TCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
JIM NICHOLAS**

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Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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FTIP Binder (w/original)

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